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NORTH PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL

August 12, 2020

Dear North Paulding High School In-Person Instruction Parents/Guardians:

Before the school year began, we shared that this would be a school year unlike any other, and that there would be challenges ahead that would require us to adjust, adapt, and be flexible. We knew that would be especially true at NPHS, the largest high school in Paulding County with more than 2,000 students and staff on campus at any given time. We have received results from pending COVID-19 tests, and with new positive results we now have at least 35 confirmed cases in the NPHS community since the first day of school. Obviously, the rate of COVID-19 spread is a concern that will require us to adapt our plan for in-person instruction to protect the health and safety of our students and staff.

The plan we have developed will reduce the number of students on campus by half, will reduce hallway congestion, will improve traffic flow during class transitions, and will help mitigate other challenges we have identified since in-person instruction started.

- **Digital Learning will continue the rest of this week.**
- **Beginning Monday, August 17th, in-person instruction at North Paulding High School will move to a hybrid schedule that combines in-person instruction with Digital Learning.**

Here is how it will work:

If student last name begins A-K, you are: **Group AK**

If student last name begins L-Z, you are: **Group LZ**

Beginning Monday, August 17, 2020

MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS	
<b>GROUP AK</b>	On-campus, in-person instruction
<b>GROUP LZ</b>	Online Digital Learning
TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS	
<b>GROUP AK</b>	Online Digital Learning
<b>GROUP LZ</b>	On-campus, in-person instruction
FRIDAYS	
<b>ALL STUDENTS</b>	Online Digital Learning to complete assignments and participate in individual or small group support as needed.

*NOTE: Students residing in the same household will not be split up. Families that wish to keep all students in their household on the same schedule should go by the last name of the oldest child.*

## DIGITAL LEARNING

On days that students are home for Digital Learning teachers will post assignments and expectations for that day **by 9:00 a.m.**

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ATHLETICS & BAND

Will continue to follow GHSA guidelines.

<b>Volleyball &amp; Softball</b>	Will resume Thursday, August 13th
<b>Football, Band, ROTC, Cross Country</b>	Will resume Monday, August 17th

## SPECIAL PROGRAMS

<b>Paulding College &amp; Career Academy</b>	Students will follow the PCCA schedule Monday-Friday as well as their hybrid schedule for in-person instruction on campus. Transportation will continue to be provided for PCCA students both to school and to PCCA. If this creates a transportation problem for students who do not have transportation home, please contact the PCCA and they will work with you to find a solution.
<b>Work-Based Learning</b>	Students will continue to follow the hybrid schedule for in-person instruction and continue as scheduled for their Work-Based Learning assignments.
<b>Dual-Enrollment</b>	Students will continue to follow the hybrid schedule for in-person instruction, as well as their Dual Enrollment schedule.

Over the last week we have been able to make improvements to our protocols and will begin implementing staggered hallway transitions so that even-numbered classrooms exit two minutes early. We also will continue with staggered dismissal times:

<b>3:15 PM</b>	Car riders and student drivers
<b>3:25 PM</b>	Bus riders and athletes

Our intent is to return to full in-person instruction as soon as possible. In the coming weeks we will re-evaluate the plan along with the COVID-19 environment to determine if or when a return to full in-person instruction is feasible. If the hybrid model is not successful, our only remaining option will be to return to Digital Learning for all students.

We apologize for any inconvenience this schedule change may cause, but hopefully we all can agree that the health and safety of our students and staff takes precedence over any other considerations. As a parent, the most proactive measures you can take to keep classrooms safe and healthy are to screen your child's health according to the following guidelines:

1. Check their child's temperature at least twice a day.
2. Check for COVID-19 symptoms, such as:
  - Fever or chills, headache, sore throat, cough, or fatigue
  - New loss of taste or smell

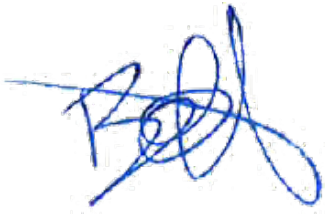
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Congestion or runny nose
- Muscle or body aches, nausea or vomiting

If your child exhibits any of these COVID-19 symptoms, the CDC and Department of Public Health (DPH) recommend your child be tested as soon as possible. In addition, please notify the school front office as it is imperative that students who are showing symptoms stay home and quarantine.

Please know that according to guidelines established by DPH, any students and staff who are confirmed cases of COVID-19, along with any identified close contacts, must quarantine for at least 14 days and cannot return to school until they have completed all the requirements of the DPH's guidance for persons infected with COVID-19.

Thank you for continuing to be flexible as we adapt our plans to ensure the safest and healthiest possible learning environment at North Paulding High School. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this schedule, please reach out to the school at 770-443-9400.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "R. Bell", written in a cursive style.

**Superintendent**

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**Principal**